

Postmodern Evangelism

Mt. 4:19 “And Jesus said... Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

2 Tim. 4:5 “... do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.”

I. Introduction:

A. **Apostolic Mandate** - 1 Tim. 1:15

B. Scriptural Foundations:

1. Bible History of Missions – Gen. 3:9

2. Jesus Purpose – Lk. 19:10; Jn. 17:3-6

3. The Great Commandment & Great Commission –
Mt. 22:36-39 Mt. 24:14; 28:18-20

II. Biblical/Corporate Catalysts:

A. Prayer – Ps. 2:8 - The Vital Role of Intimacy and Intercession

B. Praise – Ps. 40:1-3 - The Vital Role of Song, Testimony, and Gratitude

C. Presence – Is. 60:1-5 - The Vital Role of the Holy Spirit

D. Partnership (Unity) – Jn. 17:20-23 - The Vital Role of Relationships and Purpose

Examples: 1) Acts 2 - Upper Room 2) The Moravian Revival 3) UR /Tech

III. Governing Principles:

A. Purpose (s) Jn. 15:8, 16
To Glorify God +

B. Process – Gen. 8:22, 1 Cor 3:7
“Seedtime and Seasons”

C. Priority – Ha. 1:13, Ps 126:6
“Messenger/Message”

D. **Strategic Planning** -
1. vessels

2. demographics

3. prophetic directives

E. Product –Disciples, Sons, Overcomers

IV. Types of Evangelism:

A. **Family** – Ex. 12:3, Eph. 5:31

B. **Lifestyle/Friendship** -1 Thes. 2:8

C. **Servant** – Mt. 9:35-36

D. **Prayer** – Ps. 2:8

E. **Small/Cell Group** – Acts 5:42

F. **Crusade/Outreach** – Acts 8:5-6

V. Primary Problems

A. Paralyzed by **Fear** and Unbelief

1. Abraham's Faith - Gen 15
2. Shamgar's Ox Goad - Judges 3:31

B. Postmodernism -- Judges 21:25

1. Historical Context – Eccl. 1:9-10, Pre → Post
2. Roots and Influences
 - i. Philosophers
 - ii. World / Cultural Change
3. Fruit and Consequences
 - i. Relativism
 - ii. Subjectivity
 - iii. Tolerance
 - iv. Corporate Identity
4. Apologetics - 1 Pet 3:15
 - i. 3 Types: rational, evidential, & presuppositional
 - ii. Patterns:
 - a. Winkle Pratney –
 - 1) Find common ground
 - 2) Tell them what they know to be true
 - 3) Put it in a gospel context
 - b. Bob Larsen - Cults / World Religions
 - 1) "Demote God" - The attributes of God
 - 2) "Devalue Christ" - The person of Christ
 - 3) "Deify Man" - The nature of man
 - 4) "Deny Sin" - The requirements of atonement
 - 5) "Denigrate Scripture" - The source of revelation
 - c. Dr. Richard Pratt – Pr. 26:4-5, 1 Cor. 15:1-8
“Address them in uniform.” - No DMZ, "Glory"
 - 1) reach into the Bible
 - 2) reach into the public world
 - 3) reach into personal experience

Mt. 28:19" Go... and Make Disciples of All Nations!